



LEGISLATION UPDATE

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<p>20 December, 2024 <i>Amendments to the Law</i></p>	<p>The following additions have been made to the Law “On Medical Insurance”:</p> <p><i>15-3.4. Pharmacies operating in accordance with the Laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Medicinal Products” and “On Licenses and Permits” have the right to participate in compulsory medical insurance. Pharmacies that express their intention to participate in compulsory medical insurance shall enter into an agreement in accordance with Article 15-19-1 of this Law.”</i></p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/67550</p>
<p>24 December, 2024 <i>New Law Adoption</i></p>	<p>According to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On the Criterion of Need” for 2025, the criterion of need for the purpose of assigning targeted state social assistance has been approved at the amount of 285 manats for 2025.</p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/67658</p>
<p>24 December, 2024 <i>Amendments to the Law</i></p>	<p>The first sentence of Article 3.3 of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan “On Cashless Settlements” has been amended as follows:</p> <p><i>Taking into account the provisions of Article 3.5 of this Law, payments must be made exclusively in a cashless manner if:</i></p> <p><i>For VAT-registered taxpayers and taxpayers engaged in trade and/or public catering activities whose taxable transactions exceed 200,000 manats in any month(s) within a consecutive 12-month period, the total amount of payments within a calendar month exceeds 2% of the turnover (including VAT) of goods, works, and services provided in the previous calendar month.</i></p> <p><i>For other taxpayers, the total amount of payments within a calendar month exceeds 15,000 manats.</i></p> <p>The following second sentence has been added to this article:</p> <p><i>In the case specified in the first sentence of this article:</i></p> <p><i>If 2% of the turnover (including VAT) of goods, works, and services provided in the previous calendar month is less than 30,000 manats, payments must be made exclusively in a cashless manner for transactions exceeding 30,000 manats within the calendar month.</i></p> <p><i>If 2% of the turnover (including VAT) exceeds 50,000 manats, then payments exceeding 50,000 manats within the calendar month must be conducted exclusively in a cashless manner.”</i></p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/67661</p>

24 December, 2024
*Amendments to the
Law*

According to the following addition to Article 20 of the Law "On Customs Tariff", the below are exempt from customs duties:

20.0.29. The import of machinery, technological equipment, and installations, as well as raw materials and materials, by individual entrepreneurs and legal entities that are private partners within the framework of public-private partnership projects, based on a confirming document issued by the public partner determined in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Public-Private Partnership"—for the period specified in the public-private partnership agreement concluded under the same law, but not exceeding 30 years (including the construction period);

20.0.30. The import of machinery, technological equipment, and installations by individual entrepreneurs and legal entities that are producers in electricity generation projects with a state purchase obligation, based on a confirming document issued by the relevant authority designated by the competent executive authority, and provided that the amount is not less than the amount determined by the authority designated by the relevant executive authority - for the period specified in the electricity purchase agreement concluded under the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On the Use of Renewable Energy Sources in Electricity Generation," but not exceeding 30 years (including the construction period);

20.0.31. The import of spare parts for buses by legal entities for production purposes, based on a confirming document issued by the relevant authority designated by the competent executive authority—for a period of 8 years starting from January 1, 2025.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/67662>

27 December, 2024
New Law Adoption

According to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On the subsistence minimum for 2025," the subsistence minimum for 2025 has been set at follows:

- 285 AZN nationwide,
- 305 AZN for the able-bodied population,
- 232 AZN for pensioners, and
- 246 AZN for children.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/67726>

29 December, 2024
Amendments to the Code

According to the amendment to the Migration Code, a "highly qualified migrant" refers to foreign nationals and stateless persons whose applications have been positively responded to within the framework of a program aimed at expanding opportunities for the involvement of highly qualified specialists in paid labor activities in the Republic of Azerbaijan. By defining the privileged status of these individuals, the Code regulates their rights within the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/67817>

7 January, 2025
Amendments to the Laws

In connection with the implementation of the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan No. 1077-VIQ dated December 26, 2023, "On Arbitration," amendments have been made to certain laws of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

For further details:

https://static.president.az/upload/Files/2025/01/07/e70b80857e138c6f50248daaa108acf1_1579227.pdf

15 January, 2025
Amendments to the Code

According to the amendment made to Article 79 of the Urban Planning and Construction Code of the Republic of Azerbaijan, no construction permit is required for the installation of electric energy chargers for electric vehicles on the land plot of an existing construction object (excluding the construction area) or in the yard area of an individual residential house.

For further details:

<https://president.az/az/articles/view/67922>

27 January, 2025
Amendment to the Law

The following article has been added to the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Protection of Consumer Rights":

Article 29-1. Establishment of the Minimum Retail Price for Alcoholic Beverages

29-1.1. The minimum retail price of alcoholic beverages is determined by the relevant authority designated by the competent executive body.

29-1.2. The procedure for establishing the minimum retail price of alcoholic beverages is approved by the relevant authority designated by the competent executive body.

29-1.3. The sale of alcoholic beverages at a price lower than the established minimum retail price is prohibited.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68006>

<p>03 February, 2025 <i>Amendments to the Laws</i></p>	<p>Amendments to the Laws “On Gas Supply”, “On State Duty”, “On Export Control”, “On the Application of a Special Economic Regime for Oil and Gas Activities for Export Purposes”, “On Electric Power Industry” and “On Energy” have determined state duties for work carried out in the respective fields.</p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/68073</p>
<p>03 February, 2025 <i>New Law Adoption</i></p>	<p>The Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan "On Mine Clearance Activities" defines the legal, economic, social, and organizational foundations of mine clearance activities in the Republic of Azerbaijan.</p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/68072</p>
<p>06 February, 2025 <i>Amendment to the Law</i></p>	<p>According to the amendment made to the Law "On Labor Pensions," the minimum amount of the labor pension is set at 320 manats, effective from February 1, 2025.</p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/68097</p>
<p>17 February, 2025 <i>Amendments to the Law</i></p>	<p>According to the amendment made to the Law "On Suspension of Inspections in the Field of Entrepreneurship," inspections in the field of entrepreneurship in the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan are suspended until January 1, 2026.</p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/68159</p>
<p>17 February, 2025 <i>New Law Adoption</i></p>	<p>The Law “On Diplomatic Service” regulates the directions and functions of the diplomatic service bodies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the legal foundations and organizational procedures of service in diplomatic service bodies, as well as the legal status of diplomatic service employees.</p> <p>For further details: https://president.az/az/articles/view/68169</p>

20 February, 2025
New Agreement

The "Agreement on Strategic Partnership in the Development and Transmission of Green Energy" signed between the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Republic of Uzbekistan in Baku on November 13, 2024, has been approved.

For further details: <https://president.az/az/articles/view/68196>

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